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PARIS FOR MARTIN

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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR MARTIN HELD A USEFUL EXPLORATION OF VIEWS WITH KEY FAO OFFICIALS ON ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT WFC. MARTIN EXPRESSED POINTS EXPRESSED IN REFTELS AND RECEIVED REQUEST TO KEEP FAO CLOSELY INFORMED ON U.S. VIEWS AS THEY DEVELOP OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS SO THAT WFC DOCUMENTATION MIGHT BE PREPARED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT U.S. VIEWS. SEPTTEL DISCUSSES ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

1. IN SIX-HOUR CONVERSATION WHICH COVERED MANY POINTS (REPORTED SEPTTEL), AMBASSADOR MARTIN HELD IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION WITH FAO OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY AZIZ (FAO'S DIRECTOR OF COMMODITIES) ON QUESTION OF SUBSTANCE. FAO CONFIRMED THAT AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF FAO 17TH CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS (NOV.

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1973) WITH RESULT CERTAIN TERMINOLOGY USED.

2. MARTIN STATED WHILE BASIC THRUST OF ASSESSMENT PART OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA ACCEPTABLE, REFERENCE TO CAUSES AND APPROACHES INVITATION TO DISCUSSION WFC SHOULD BUILD ON RESULT OF POPULATION CONFERENCE AND OTHER WORK RATHER THAN DISCUSSING AB INITIO.

3. MARTIN STRESSED THAT WFC OBJECTIVE IS TO HAVE PEOPLE FED AND FARMERS INCOME INCREASED AND ITEM 3 OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA SHOULD HAVE FOCUSED IN THIS AREA.

4. AGENDA ITEM 4 DRAFTING, FAO ACKNOWLEDGED, OPENED TOO MANY ISSUES AND IDEA OF SPLITTING INTO 2 ITEMS (STOCKS AND FOOD AID) TABLED.

5. AMB. MARTIN NOTED DIFFICULTIES WITH TERM AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT SINCE AREA OF WFC CONCERN WAS FOOD AND NOT AGRICULTURE IN GENERAL. ALL THESE POINTS NOTED BY FAO.

6. MARTIN STRESSED FIRST JOB OF PREP COMM I WAS TO AGREE ON AGENDA AND NOT DEBATE ISSUES SINCE NO GOVERNMENT LIKELY PREPARED WITH POSITION. THEN NEXT STEP WOULD BE DRAFTING OF RESOLUTIONS KEYED TO EACH ITEM ON AGENDA WHICH WOULD HAVE PURPOSE OF GAINING ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES, NOT PROPOSING SPECIFIC SCHEMES.

7. MARTIN STRESSED NEED FOR PROGRESS ON FARMING RESOLUTIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT PUBLIC RELATIONS SIDE OF CONFERENCE COULD BE DEVELOPED AT EARLY STAGE WITH MAXIMUM PUBLIC IMPACT RESULTING AT TIME OF CONFERENCE. HE NOTED PREPARATORY TIME EXTREMELY SHORT FOR CONFERENCE OF MAGNITUDE AND IMPORTANCE WFC.

8. AFTER DETAILING WORK BEING DONE ON U.S. SIDE, MARTIN ASKED FOR BRIEFING ON HOW WORK BEING DONE UNDER FAO REGULAR PROGRAM WOULD TIE IN. FAO RESPONDED THAT PREP COMMS COULD MAKE REFERENCE TO ON-GOING WORK IN SUCH ISSUES AS STOCK PILING BUT THAT INSTITUTIONALLY FAO'S WORK WAS SEPARATE. AZIZ STATED NEED TO KNOW WHERE US WANTED TO COME OUT ON WFC SO THAT FAO PROPOSALS COULD BE FORMULATED WITH THIS IN MIND. FAO STATED SUCCESS OF WFC WAS A JOINT US/FAO RESPONSIBILITY SINCE THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT OTHERS WERE DOING MUCH MORE THAN WAITING FOR U.S. INITIATIVES ON WHICH TO REACT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THIS POINT AZIZ RAISED QUESTION WHETHER IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE U.S. SECOND THEM, AN EXPERT TO HELP ON SUBSTANTIVE WORK. MARTIN TOOK NOTE AND ASKED FOR SOME FURTHER THOUGHT AND SPECIFIC REQUESTS ON HOW U.S. COULD HELP.

9. AZIZ SUGGESTED THAT U.S. APPROACH USSR TO GET THEIR VIEWS SINCE THEIR POSITION ONE OF KEY QUESTIONS. AZIZ STATED IF USSR PREPARED TO COOPERATE, ONE TYPE OF PROPOSAL COULD EMERGE ON STOCK QUESTION

BUT IF RUSSIANS MERELY PARTICIPATING AS OBSERVERS, ANOTHER PROPOSAL  
TAKING ACCOUNT OF THEIR NON-COOPERATION WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED.

10. AS POSITION OF LDCS REFLECTED IN AZIZ'S STATEMENTS, MARTIN  
REQUESTED INFORMATION ON WHICH COUNTRIES ACTIVE ON THIS SUBJECT.  
AZIZ REPLIED EGYPT, INDONESIA, INDIA AND ARGENTINA. AZIZ ALSO  
NOTED SOME OF THESE ROME PERM REPS WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR PREP  
COMM (LIKELY KASSEBA OF EGYPT AND AMAT OF INDONESIA).

11. FINALLY, AMBASSADOR MARTIN WAS INFORMED THAT THE FIVE FAO  
REGIONAL CONFERENCES, THE WFP IGC, THE FAO FISHERIES COMMITTEE  
(COFI), THE FAO AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE (COAG), AND FAO CCP WOULD  
ALL BE MEETING BEFORE THE WFC AND WOULD HAVE ITEMS RELATING TO THE  
WFC ON THE AGENDA. MARTIN WELCOMED THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION  
IN VARIOUS FORA SINCE THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE WFC WAS SHORTER  
THAN THAT FOR ENVIRONMENT AND POPULATION AND THERE WAS A NEED TO  
OBTAIN AS MUCH IMPACT AS POSSIBLE. CLOSE COORDINATION WOULD BE  
REQUIRED, HOWEVER.

12. MANY QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE LIGHTLY TOUCHED AND IT WAS AGREED  
THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN STAFF OF U.S. AND FAO WORKING ON SAME  
QUESTIONS WOULD BE USEFUL. AMBASSADOR MARTIN NOTED IN SOME CASES  
U.S. EFFORTS FAR ADVANCED AND HE PROMISED FULL COOPERATION.

13. ABOVE COMMENTS HIGHLIGHT CONVERSATIONS OF JANUARY 26 AND  
WERE PREPARED AFTER AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S DEPARTURE AND NOT CLEARED  
BY HIM. VOLPE

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